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TARC NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS: 4th Tuesday of each month, 1900 hrs at the Jaycee's Building, 405 North Singleton Ave North of Garden St.

"Eatin Meetin": Thursday nights 1730-1830 hrs at a local restaurant. Contact Sherry Hughes 279-2796 or 146.91 mHz

The President's Corner By, Bub Hughes, K4CWG

While the cat's away, the members will show their stuff. That may not be the way the nursery rhyme tells it, but everybody tells me the Titusville Amateur Radio Club did itself proud during Hurricane Frances.

Sherry and I had no idea what was in store for Brevard County when we packed our trailer for our annual trip to the Shelby, North Carolina Hamfest. When we returned a week later, we were pleased to find our little bungalow virtually unharmed by the big blow and really good reports on how the members of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club and other area hams had come to the aid of the community.

My hat's off to club Emergency Operations Chairman Ed Wirth put together a winning team to cover hurricane operations. Every shelter had at least one communications contact. Perhaps the best part is that 10 of the new hams who attended the classes at the Four Communities Fire Department got the opportunity to get their new tickets "wet." I'm told they came through in grand style. Congratulations to all!

Now, we have another chance to shine. Parrish Medical Center and the United Way are sponsoring **Dogs for Dollars** from 8 AM until 1 PM **Saturday, September 25th**. They need hams to provide communications along the 1.5 mile course. If you can volunteer, call me at 269-2796. I know this is short notice, but I am certain TARC can answer the call.

For the August 2004 program for Titusville Amateur Radio Club, our Program Director Pike W4EPU planned and organized an auction. Pike asked Bob W4YBI to be the auctioneer. A large crowd of both members and visitors attended the auction.

President's Corner con't.

There seemed to be a wide selection of goodies and the bidders were very generous in their bids for items that even they did not know they needed. The event was enjoyed by all. I am told that as a result of the auction our club's till tilted in a forward direction to the tune of $350.00 plus. To Pike and Bob our thanks to the two of you for the idea and for steering us through a profitable and an enjoyable evening. Also, wasn't it great to sing Happy Birthday to Bill Eppley (W2SDB) as he played the harmonica. Let's hope he plays for 90 more years!

In sorrow I share with you the sad news that Ed Summersett WA3FKC has passed away. Ed and his wife Cori KE4WQD not only have been strong supporters of TARC but also have had an important rule in bringing ham radio to the boating community. Also, I must report that Tom and Kitty Kelly have lost their son. I am sorry I do not know the details. Tom K1TJK is a good friend and is a long time member of our club. Tom and Kitty reside in Seabrook N.H. Our condolences are extended to you and your family in the loss of your loved one.

OK we have Bob W4YBI as our new News-Letter Editor. Let us give Bob the support he needs and a great big thanks for taking on this task. Thanks to Sherry KU4ZO for a job well done in pinch-hitting serving as interim editor.

Hope to see you all at the September 28th Club Meeting. Bring a friend.

Bud K4CWG 73s and 88s

Abell's Anecdotes, By Pike Abell W4EPU

THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN ATHENS, GREECE.

As this is being written, the Olympic Games are taking place. Since Clara and I lived in Athens for five years during the 50's and 60's it is to us as if the Olympics are being played "back home". Not only that, but I feel it in myself to be a part, be it a very small part of the Olympic Games. I shall explain.

One of the main events of the Olympic Games is the 26.2 mile Marathon run. The Marathon run became a part of the Olympics as a result of an historical event which took place in Greece in the year 490 BC at Marathon. A Greek army of approximately 9,000 men defeated a Persian invading force of 20,000 or more. They were able to defeat the Persians by using what is now referred to as the "Pincer Movement". They simply flanked, surrounded and destroyed the enemy. (The Germans almost successfully used the same technique in the Battle of the Bulge during WW-II.) When the battle of Marathon was over, a soldier named Pheidippides, ran the 26.2 miles from Marathon to the Athens Agora (Marketplace) to report the victory. According to tradition, he ran into the Agora, gasped out the news and fell dead.

When we were living in Greece, the American community sponsored an International Boy Scout troop. To give the scouts an opportunity to earn the prestigious Marathon Merit badge, we took the troop to Marathon. The scouts then marched the 26.2 miles back to the Athens Agora, following the same route thought to have been used by Pheidippides in 490 B. C. The scout troop was accompanied by several adult scout leaders in vehicles. I was the only adult to walk the entire length with the Boy Scouts . For that I was awarded an honorary Boy Scout Marathon merit badge which I still proudly display. That is why I shall always consider myself to be a tiny part of the Olympics. **73s es 88s Pike**

BEARS Report by Stephanie Phillips K4KVO

TARC is to be congratulated for orchestrating a magnificent response to our assignment of providing reliable emergency communications for the County's Evacuation Shelters. In addition to your City of Titusville responsibilities, you were also able to help out in many of the evacuation shelters and recovery sites throughout the county. I haven't yet received the complete report form Ed, KG4KVO, your EC, but I know TARC's contribution has got to be in the thousands of hours. Thank you all so much for a super job. And a special thank you to those who provided Mutual Aid communications assistance in Osceola and Charlotte Counties. From our youngest and newest members, to our senior citizens and long time members, you all showed that TARC cares about serving our Brevard County Communities and our neighbors to the West. Did you know that 10 graduates from our last class volunteered in shelters and disaster recovery sites. The ink hadn't dried on their licenses and they were already out their helping the community! TARC really knows how to give meaning to the term "a Community Service Organization." Thank you. Thank you so very much.

We didn't have our meeting at the EOC because they are still "full" with Hurricane Frances activities, so at Bill Young's, KA4VYH, invitation we met at the Florida Solar Energy Facility in Cocoa, and he had his solar power resources available for us to hook-up to and use. Nice touch, Bill.

We now have a new BEARS Secretary, Tom Ratner, W3QIE, who will be helping us keep track of our minutes and correspondence. Thank you Tom for stepping up to the plate to lend us a hand.

The Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society has an new representative to the BEARS Board of Directors, Andy Leeds, N3MCB, and his alternate is John Weatherly, AB4ET. Andy said that the PCARS members are going to try to put together a Tail Gate or Mini-Ham Fest sometime in the near future. This is the 1st time a Hurricane has cancelled their annual Melbourne Ham Fest, and their group still wants to put something together for the Ham Radio community in Brevard County. It is a tradition.

BEARS got the Grant! We will be getting $94,944.22, to go towards a replacement RV for Comm One. Yes, our application was finally approved! (Do you think TARC will still get first dibs on Comm One for Field Day!!!?) The CATs have a lot work ahead of them; fist the acquisition, and then the installation of equipment. If you don't mind getting your hands dirty or breaking a fingernail, I'm sure they can use your help. Contact David Norton, CATs Coordinator, 633-6179, and be prepared to roll up your sleeves.

Some upcoming events to mark on your calendars:

Sep 28th, Brevard Notes, cable TV program, taping a session with BEARS. (I'll miss the TARC meeting) Look for it to air on the 29th.

Sep 29th, Rick Waston, KF4FNZ, IRARC, starts the Fall **Ham Radio Class** at the 1st United Methodist Church, Cocoa Beach, 6:30pm, for Morse Code, and 7:30pm for Theory. He likes my idea of "Show & Tell" night, so Holland you still have those cool QSL cards? James, David, Stephen, Robbie and Taylor, you all feel up to talking to other kids about how much fun you have with your hobby? Anybody else have a special Ham Radio Topic you'd like to share with Rick's class? Let me know before the 29th.

Oct 9th: Boy Scouts & Emergency Preparedness training: Bill Young, A4NYH, will be there with his Solar Power; Bob Jones, N6USP, of the NBARC, will be there with Dennis Decker's Sky Warn crew; and Roy Hill, W6QCM, of the IRARC, will be there with the BEARS Comm Two.

Oct 28th: NASA KSC Super Safety Day. Thanks to a suggestion from Fred McKenzie, K4DII, BEARS has reserved a table for our brochures, and a parking space for a Comm Vehicle. This will be an excellent opportunity for member organizations to recruit new members. Ozzie, N4SCY, has already volunteered to help me set up, anybody else?

BEARS Nets: Wednesdays, 9am and 7pm, 147.135, EOC Repeater in Rockledge. Everybody is invited to check-in. Try using your emergency communications equipment.

Stephanie Phillips, K4MVO President, BEARS Phone 264-2492

TREASURERS REPORT	
BEGINNING BALANCE	$2101.09
DEPOSITS IN 2004	3366.50
TOTAL INCOME	5467.59
EXPENDITURES YTD	(1903.65)
BALANCE AS AT 8/31/04	$3564.54

BIRTHDAYS

SEPT. 1 KF4UDO RANDY DAVIS
SEPT. 8 LF4LTY PAT RENNINGER
SEPT. 9 KF4QN\ML KEVIN ZIMMERMAN
SEPT. 12 K4DII FRED McKENZIE
SEPT. 15 KC4HIQ SHIRLEY SWEATT
SEPT. 17 KI4GMH CHARLES MILLER
SEPT. 17 W4RBI GARY JOHNSON
SEPT. 24 KE4JBF JOAN HATFIELD

MINUTES

At the July meeting, Pike Abell, W4EPU, announced that the August meeting would be an auction, and urged everyone to bring their surplus radio equipment to be auctioned off. About an hour before the start of the August meeting, members started bringing in their items to be auctioned off. By meeting time, there were quite a number of tables filled with goodies. After the usual opening ceremonies, President Bud Hughes K4CWG turned the meeting over to Pike, W4EPU, acting Vice President and Program Coordinator, who reminded the members of the rules for the auction. He then introduced W4YBI, Bob Farington, who was the auctioneer, and he did a tremendous job. A good percentage of the items were sold. A large percentage of the members who brought 'stuff' donated the total sale price to the club. I am happy to report that the club treasury is now $369 richer due to those donations. We had a large turnout for this auction. Perhaps we should make it an annual event. Becky Lee, KF4HTB, Secretary-Treasurer

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While most of the volunteers listed here worked night and day for up to four days at the shelters, a few went above and beyond the call of duty.

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Ozzie Osband completed the job at Parrish Medical Center, moved on to spend the night on standby at Fire Station 11, then took up a post at the City Public Works when it was discovered that ham radio was the only way to get the job done.

But the biggest gold star fits on the forehead of James Dean KI4GMB. After four days at the fire station, James went on to serve for a full week as the ham radio communicator at the Miracle City Mall Recovery Center. In addition, James was one of the volunteers who drove all the way to Charlotte County to help maintain communications in the area devastated by Hurricane Charlie. Three cheers for James and all the other hams who helped.

Hurricane Frances Ham Operators

Kim Lucks	KG4YFP	Pinewood
Ken Denman	KD4HNW	Pinewood
Ozzie Osband	N4SCY	Parrish Med
Mike Ellixson	KE4MWZ	Parrish Med
Alan Johnson	KI4GOB	Imperial Est.
Cathy Johnson	KI4GMF	Imperial Est.
Jimmy Edwards	KF4ZOL	Imperial Est.
Jo Meir	KI4GOE	Imperial Est.
Bernie Monroe	KI4GOF	Park Ave Bap.
Rhoda Monroe	KI4GMI	Park Ave Bap.
Joe Myers	KD4GPF	Apollo Elem.
Mic Woltman	KI4CFA	Pt.St. John
Taylor Woltman	KI4GMJ	Pt.St. John
Harry Shetler	KE4NUZ	Oak Park
Richard Merchant	KI4DXJ	Oak Park
Ed Wirth	KG4KVO	Police Dept.
Donna Wirth	WIFE	Police Dept.
Bob Farrington	W4YBI	Police Dept
Linda Farrington	KG4YFN	Police Dept.
Fred Longo	KI4GMG	Fire Sta. 10
James Dean	KI4GMB	Fire Sta. 13
Pike Abell	W4EPU	Fire Sta. 11
Hank Phillips	AA4HP	Fire Sta. 11

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

REGULAR 114 - FAMILY 36 - STUDENT 16 - HONORARY 6 - TOTAL 172

NEW MEMBERS
KB0AWI DON SPADE
KI4CFA MIC WOLTMAN

RENEW: WD4EBA PAUL BERNHARDT
KG4KBO CONNIE BERNHARDT
AI4FY DAVID NORTON
W4RBI GARY JOHNSON
WB4ZWI JAY JOHNSON
K4WPW PAUL WYNN
W4LAC JASON RUDISILL

EOC Ed Wirth put together a final class team to handle communications during Hurricane Frances. A total of 19 of the hams involved just recently got their licenses, but each and ever one jumped at the chance to put their talents to work.

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Alan Johnson	KN4SOB	Imperial Est.
Cathy Johnson	KN4GMF	Imperial Est.
Jimmy Edwards	KF4ZOL	Imperial Est.
Jo Meir	KN4SOE	Imperial Est.
Bernie Monroe	KN4GOF	Park Ave Bap.
Rhoda Monroe	KN4SMI	Park Ave Bap.
Joe Myers	KD4ERF	Aborio Elem
Mic Woltman	KN4CFA	Pt St. John
Taylor Woltman	KN4GMJ	Pt St. John
Harry Shisler	KE4NUZ	Oak Park
Richard Merchant	KN4OXJ	Oak Park
Ed Wirth	KG4KVO	Police Dept.
Donna Wirth	WIRE	Police Dept.
Bob Farrington	WA4YSI	Police Dept.
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